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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-A-08/4-4399 (ESSENTIAL)	
CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07		

PURPOSE:

Special needs of inmates with significant medical, mental health or developmental disabilities are taken into consideration in decisions concerning housing, program assignments, disciplinary measures and admissions to and transfers from the institution.

POLICY:

1. Healthcare staff will assess inmates transferring into the facility. The medical information will be reviewed for special needs that may affect housing, programs, and work assignment. This information will be shared as needed with the facility administration.
2. Medical and mental health recommendations for housing, program and work participation will be made by the practitioner and health staff and communicated in writing to the Classification Department.
3. Change in the inmate medical or mental health status is communicated in a timely manner to the Classification Department.
4. Healthcare staff will advise correctional staff of any medical or mental health problems that could be escalated due to restrictive housing related to disciplinary actions or segregation/isolation.
5. Special health needs of inmates transferred from the facility will be communicated to the Transportation Department.
6. Every effort is made to protect the confidentiality of specific inmate/patient health information.
7. Refer to Policy G-05 for "Suicide Prevention."

References:

National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2003, P-A-08
American Correctional Association: Standards for Adult Correctional Institution, 4TH Edition, 2003. 4-4399